## Abstract of the Disclosure

A guidewire having a contoured outer surface and methods of making and using the same. The guidewire may include a core wire or member and a jacket disposed over the core member. The jacket may include a contoured outer surface or helically-oriented channel or groove formed therein.

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